

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Hideyuki HASHI et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
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HEAD SUPPORT DEVICE AND DISK  
DEVICE HAVING THE SAME  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.